



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

May 6, 2019

VIA U.S. MAIL

Mr. Daniel Tait
Energy and Policy Institute
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 68942
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Tait:

This letter will confirm that the Office of the Governor ("Office") is now in receipt of Check No. 1805, tendered in payment of the discounted production costs associated with your request for records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* For ease of reference, a paid receipt is enclosed herewith, along with copies of your FOIA request and prior correspondence related to the same.

Per our previous communications, having received payment of the discounted production costs, the Office is producing herewith those records Bates-labeled D. Tait FOIA Response 001-044, which were identified as responsive or potentially responsive to one or more portions of your FOIA request.

Once again, thank you for contacting this Office regarding your records request. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.
Chief Legal Counsel

Enclosures

TIME RECEIVED	REMOTE CSID	DURATION	PAGES	STATUS
February 15, 2019 at 12:07:47 PM EST	+12568343688	62	2	Received
15-Feb-2019 11:06	South Carolina Public Records Law Request: So		+12568343688	p.1

Office of the Governor - South Carolina
South Carolina Public Records Law Office
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

February 15, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the South Carolina Public Records Law, I hereby request the following records:

All electronic records containing the following keywords:

- Consumer Energy Alliance
- CEA
- HBW
- National Ocean Policy Coalition
- NOPS
- @oceanpolicy.com
- @consumerenergyalliance.org

The request should include emails (both sent and received), email attachments, text messages, encrypted messages (such as Signal and/or WhatsApp etc.), messaging apps (such as Slack, Trello and/or Asana etc.), cloud based file storage systems (such as Microsoft One Drive, Google Drive, and/or Dropbox etc.) and any other electronic records.

The scope of this public records request is for Governor Henry McMaster and his Chief of Staff Trey Walker.

The timeframe of this public records request is between January 1, 2017 and the date of this filing.

You may exclude news articles, press clippings, and duplicate emails.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

The organization I work for, the Energy and Policy Institute (EPI), is a clearinghouse of information and can qualify as a representative of the news media. There are several examples of public record requests provided to EPI that were published on our website to inform journalists publishing articles. Additionally, federal agencies have previously categorized FOIAs from the Energy and Policy Institute under Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1004.0(b)(3) as a "news media" requester and have determined that we satisfy the criteria considered for a waiver of fees.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or USB drive if not.

I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 15 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Daniel Tait

Filed via MuckRock.com

E-mail (Preferred): 88942-19037286@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock News
DEPT MR 88942
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR

February 28, 2019

Mr. Daniel Tait
Energy and Policy Institute
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 68942
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Tait:

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Governor ("Office") regarding your recent request for records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* According to your February 15, 2019 facsimile, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, you are seeking the following records from certain named custodians:

All electronic records containing the following keywords:

- Consumer Energy Alliance
- CEA
- HBW
- National Ocean Policy Coalition
- NOPS
- @oceanpolicy.com
- @consumerenergyalliance.org

The present letter will serve as this Office's timely reply and determination that we have identified certain records as potentially responsive to one or more portions of the enclosed FOIA request.

We are continuing to search for records in connection with your FOIA request. Although we anticipate that this Office's ongoing search and retrieval efforts will require several additional hours of staff time and resources, we remain committed to providing you with a comprehensive and relevant response in the most expeditious and efficient manner possible. Once we have completed our reasonable search of records in the possession, custody, or control of this Office, we will contact you to coordinate production of those records identified as responsive to your FOIA request, subject to any applicable exclusions or limitations under state or federal law.

STATE HOUSE • 1100 GERVAIS STREET • COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201 • TELEPHONE: 803-734-2100

Mr. Daniel Tait
Page 2
February 28, 2019

Due to the high volume of FOIA requests received by the Office of the Governor and the significant costs associated therewith, please note that this Office is authorized to charge reasonable fees for searching for, copying, transferring, and redacting records pursuant to section 30-4-30(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of this Office's discounted fee schedule is available at www.governor.sc.gov. Based on the search efforts employed to date, this Office has concluded that the "total reasonably anticipated cost for reproduction of the records" in connection with your FOIA request will most probably equal or slightly exceed \$20.00, including any applicable discounts. Although we will continue to make every effort to reduce costs, per your request, we are notifying you in advance of the anticipated production expenses. Finally, in accordance with section 30-2-50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this letter will serve as the requisite notice that "obtaining or using public records for commercial solicitation directed to any person in this State is prohibited." S.C. Code Ann. § 30-2-50(B).

Once again, thank you for your recent records request. We look forward to working with you and will contact you as soon as we have finished searching for and compiling any responsive records. Of course, should you have any questions or concerns in the interim regarding anything mentioned above or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.
Legal Counsel

Enclosure



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

March 25, 2019

Mr. Daniel Tait
Energy and Policy Institute
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 68942
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Tait:

Thank you again for contacting the Office of the Governor ("Office") regarding your recent request for records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* To follow up regarding our previous correspondence, copies of which are enclosed herewith, this letter will serve as the Office's timely response to your FOIA request. Accordingly, please allow this letter to confirm that the Office has concluded its search efforts and is prepared to produce certain records identified as potentially responsive to your FOIA request, subject to any applicable exemptions, exclusions, or limitations under state or federal law.

As previously noted, due to the high volume of FOIA requests received by this Office and the significant costs associated therewith, we are permitted to charge reasonable fees for searching for, copying, transferring, and redacting records pursuant to section 30-4-30(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Notwithstanding the significant amount of staff time and resources devoted to searching for records and responding to your FOIA request, I am authorized to further reduce the total cost associated with the same. To this end, please be advised that the total discounted fee associated with searching for records and responding to the present FOIA request is \$17.50. You may send a check, made payable to the "State of South Carolina—Office of the Governor," to my attention at the address below. An itemized invoice is available upon request and in accordance with the uniform fee schedule posted on the Office's website. Please note that the full amount of the total cost must be paid at the time of production.

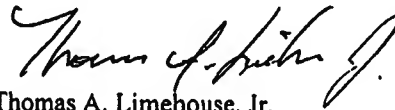
Finally, please note that this Office has not charged any copying or file transfer fees in connection with the instant FOIA request. Similarly, please be advised that certain search terms

Mr. Daniel Tait
Page 2
March 25, 2019

from your FOIA request have produced a fairly significant amount of communications, which we suspect are unrelated to the subject of your inquiry. Most notably, the "CEA" keyword has yielded hundreds of pages of emails or attachments that reference or otherwise relate to the Council of Economic Advisers. Therefore, in an effort to limit the total expense associated with responding to your FOIA request, we have omitted such emails from this Office's production set; however, please let us know if you would like to review these materials as well.

Of course, should you have any questions or concerns regarding anything mentioned above or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.
Legal Counsel

Enclosures

Office of the Governor - South Carolina
South Carolina Public Records Law Office
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

April 5, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

Hello!

I acknowledge receipt of your letter stating estimated fees of \$20.00 to fulfill this request. I agree to those charges.

Please let me know where to send payment.

Regards,
Daniel

Filed via MuckRock.com
E-mail (Preferred): 68942-19037286@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note):
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 68942
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.

On March 26, 2019:

A letter stating the requester must agree to or prepay assessed or estimated fees in order for the agency to continue processing the request.

On March 3, 2019:

An acknowledgement letter, stating the request is being processed.

On Feb. 15, 2019:

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the South Carolina Public Records Law, I hereby request the following records:

All electronic records containing the following keywords:

- Consumer Energy Alliance
- CEA
- HBW
- National Ocean Policy Coalition
- NOPS
- @oceanpolicy.com
- @consumerenergyalliance.org

The request should include emails (both sent and received). email attachments.

text messages, encrypted messages (such as Signal and/or WhatsApp etc.), messaging apps (such as Slack, Trello and/or Asana etc.), cloud based file storage systems (such as Microsoft One Drive, Google Drive, and/or Dropbox etc.) and any other electronic records.

The scope of this public records request is for Governor Henry McMaster and his Chief of Staff Trey Walker.

The timeframe of this public records request is between January 1, 2017 and the date of this filing.

You may exclude news articles, press clippings, and duplicate emails.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

The organization I work for, the Energy and Policy Institute (EPI), is a clearinghouse of information and can qualify as a representative of the news media. There are several examples of public record requests provided to EPI that were published on our website to inform journalists publishing articles. Additionally, federal agencies have previously categorized FOIAs from the Energy and Policy Institute under Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1004.9(b)(3) as a "news media" requester and have determined that we satisfy the criteria considered for a waiver of fees.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or USB drive if not.

I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 15 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Daniel Tait

Filed via MuckRock.com

E-mail (Preferred): 68942-19037286@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock News

DEPT MR 68942

411A Highland Ave

Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

April 10, 2019

Mr. Daniel Tait
Energy and Policy Institute
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 68942
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Tait:

The Office of the Governor ("Office") is in receipt of your April 5, 2019 facsimile related to your recent request for records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* According to the enclosed facsimile, you note that you agree to the estimated fees of \$20.00 and ask that we let you know where to send payment. As indicated in this Office's March 25, 2019 letter, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, you may send a check, made payable to the "State of South Carolina—Office of the Governor," to my attention at the address below. However, please note that the total discounted fee associated with searching for records and responding to your FOIA request is \$17.50, not \$20.00 as stated in your April 5, 2019 facsimile. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and to fulfilling your FOIA request.

Once again, thank you for contacting this Office regarding your records request. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding anything mentioned above or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.
Chief Legal Counsel

Enclosures

Daniel L Tait
Andrea L Tait
6500 Walden Run Apt 721
Huntsville, AL 35806-2616



1805
61-7582/2822

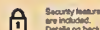
4/24 2019

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

State of SC - Office of the Governor \$ 17.50

seventeen and no/100

DOLLARS



Redstone Federal Credit Union
220 Wynn Drive
Huntsville, AL 35883

RECYCLE

FOR

FOIA

[Signature]

MP

2622758351

67609461 1805

PLANET EARTH

GOVERNOR

March 25, 2019

Mr. Daniel Tait
Energy and Policy Institute
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 68942
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Tait:

Thank you again for contacting the Office of the Governor ("Office") regarding your recent request for records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* To follow up regarding our previous correspondence, copies of which are enclosed herewith, this letter will serve as the Office's timely response to your FOIA request. Accordingly, please allow this letter to confirm that the Office has concluded its search efforts and is prepared to produce certain records identified as potentially responsive to your FOIA request, subject to any applicable exemptions, exclusions, or limitations under state or federal law.

As previously noted, due to the high volume of FOIA requests received by this Office and the significant costs associated therewith, we are permitted to charge reasonable fees for searching for, copying, transferring, and redacting records pursuant to section 30-4-30(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Notwithstanding the significant amount of staff time and resources devoted to searching for records and responding to your FOIA request, I am authorized to further reduce the total cost associated with the same. To this end, please be advised that the total discounted fee associated with searching for records and responding to the present FOIA request is \$17.50. You may send a check, made payable to the "State of South Carolina—Office of the Governor," to my attention at the address below. An itemized invoice is available upon request and in accordance with the uniform fee schedule posted on the Office's website. Please note that the full amount of the total cost must be paid at the time of production.

Finally, please note that this Office has not charged any copying or file transfer fees in connection with the instant FOIA request. Similarly, please be advised that certain search terms



Receipt from the Office of the Governor

For costs paid pursuant to section 30-4-30(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws

DATE: 5/6/19

AMOUNT: \$17.50

PAID BY: Daniel Tait

PAYMENT TYPE: Check No. 1805

RECEIVED BY: *ML*

Daniel L Tait
Andrea L Tait
6500 Walden Run Apt 721
Huntsville, AL 35806-2616

1805
61-7563/2622

4/24 2019

PAY TO THE ORDER OF State of SC - Office of the Governor \$ 17.50

seventeen and no/100

Redstone Federal Credit Union
220 Wynn Drive
Huntsville, AL 35893

FOR FOIA

DTait

RECYCLE

2622758351 676094611 1805

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Sandi Schmitt <sandi@agri-pulse.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 11:11 AM
To: 'Sandi Schmitt'
Subject: Food & Farm Governors' Partnership Agri-Pulse newsletter August 2, 2017



meetings from the Land Down Under,

I'll just about be closing out my day of speaking and participating in the Australian Grains Industry Conference as you wake up to today's newsletter. As you can imagine, there is keen interest here about U.S. trade policies, but also about research, access to new technologies and infrastructure to enable products to move from farms to growing markets in China and India. Look for more stories to come in the future.

In the meantime, our team has been watching the pace pick up on the farm bill. Senior Editor Philip Brasher looks at two topics: How work requirements in the SNAP program may emerge as a farm bill hurdle and what a new report says about conservation compliance.

Associate Editor Spencer Chase did a great job boiling down comments from about 140 witnesses who testified at a hearing on the Renewable Fuel Standard Tuesday. Look for his overview inside today's newsletter. And Associate Editor Steve Davies looks at how protections for frogs and toads have California farmers hopping mad. Other stories look at geographic indications, indoor farming going mainstream and the latest farm economic outlook.

Please let me know if you have any questions and keep those news tips coming our way!

Best regards,
Ira Wyant
Editor/Publisher
[Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.](#)
Phone: 630-247-7142
ira@Agri-Pulse.com

Follow Us: [Twitter](#) Like Us: [Facebook](#)

Agri-Pulse – Balanced Reporting. Trusted Insights.



The Governors' Food & Farm Partnership

August 2, 2016

TRADE HIGHLIGHTS: While NAFTA renegotiations have moved to the front-burner, American farmers, ranchers and food stakeholders are focused on trade issues around the world, with deep concerns about impact on American agriculture. Here is a quick roundup of recent trade news impacting American farmers...

Perdue visits Mexican counterpart (AgriPulse)

[Link](#) - (Audio) Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue was in Mexico last week to see his Mexican counterpart Jose Calzada and get a look at the impact of U.S. agriculture across the border.

Perdue discounts talk of Mexico's search for other grain suppliers (AgriPulse)

[Link](#) - (Subscriber only) Mexico may talk about getting its grains from countries other than the United States, but Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said today that he doesn't think the country is serious.

Japanese tariff increase will hit US beef (AgriPulse)

[Link](#) - (Subscriber only) Japanese purchases of U.S. beef are about to be subject to a 50 percent tariff after imports in the three-month period ended June 30 triggered a "safeguard" mechanism.

Error: First chlorine chicken, now hormone beef could be on the menu after Brexit

[Link](#) - Key figures in Trump's negotiation team believe hormone burgers are a deal breaker in a post-Brexit deal.

Economic Times: Brazil, EU seek cuts in farm subsidies, may affect India & other emerging economies [Link](#) - Brazil has teamed up with the European Union to propose a reduction in incentives given by developing countries to their farmers, a move that could impact India adversely along with other emerging economies.

The Guardian: NAFTA 'benefits both sides,' says MacAulay

[Link](#) - Farmers and producers in the western states see the North America Free Trade Agreement as providing benefits to both sides of the Canada-U.S. border, says Canada's minister of agriculture and agri-food.

The Courier: Iowa officials worried North Korean tensions may hamper trade gains

[Link](#) - Two top state officials said Monday they're hoping escalating tensions over North Korea's nuclear program and missile tests won't undo the progress a trade delegation made during a just-completed mission to foster more markets for Iowa agricultural commodities.

Engineering News: Agriculture a significant growth area for Africa

[Link](#) - Agriculture is the largest economic growth sector for Africa, New Partnership for Africa's Development business foundation CEO Lynette Chen said at the Southern African Development Community Industrialization Week on Monday. Africa presents opportunities for American companies.

od & Farm is pleased to bring you this news update thanks to our friends at DuPont



August 2, 2017 | Volume 13, Number 31

Read Full Edition

ork requirements emerge as key farm bill issue

ongside new spending for cotton and dairy producers and demands for increased conservation funding, proposals to cla
wn on unemployed food stamp recipients also could become a challenging issue as lawmakers look to write a new farm
l.

SDA study: Insurance conservation rule helps protect fragile land

iking conservation compliance to crop insurance as well as commodity payments ensures that farmers are motivated to
event soil erosion and preserve wetlands regardless of whether crop prices are high or low, a new Agriculture Departme
dy says.

onventional RVO in hand, biofuels industry looks for more

ash on the heels of a courtroom success, a wide swath of renewable fuel stakeholders would like to have their feedstoc
d make more advanced biofuel out of it, too.

alif. ranchers challenge critical habitat designations for frogs, toad

ree California farm groups are taking a new tack in challenging Fish and Wildlife Service critical habitat designations for
o frogs and a toad.

S dairy ramps up fight against EU food name protection

ie U.S. dairy sector is fighting harder than ever on several fronts to halt the European Union's global efforts to block che
ducers in other countries from using names like Roquefort, Asiago and Gorgonzola on the products they export.

idoor farming offers year-around income for traditional ag

oncepts like indoor farming, controlled environment agriculture (CEA), the vertical farm, and aeroponics are turning year
und, locally grown produce into commercial reality.

earthland chalking up another year of economic survival

ie 2017 economic performance for agriculture in the American Heartland is being affected by uncertain and volatile
mmodity markets and weather, to be sure, but it may wrap up little changed from 2016 overall.

erdue to kick off RV farm bill tour

riculture Secretary Sonny Perdue this week kicks off a "Back to Our Roots" RV tour of five Midwest states designed to
ther input for the 2018 farm bill.

reat Lakes wolves staying on ESA list

ay wolves in the Western Great Lakes region will continue to be protected under the Endangered Species Act because
ing Tuesday by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

oy wins heart health claim

ie Food and Drug Administration has approved a qualified health claim linking consumption of soybean oil to reduced ris
ronary heart disease.

est Coast Longshoremen agree to contract extension

ie Pacific Maritime Association says a majority of International Longshore and Warehouse Union have voted to approve
ee-year contract extension that could ensure labor peace at West Coast ports into 2022.

SDA expands, tweaks beekeeper insurance

SDA's Risk Management Agency will make crop insurance available to beekeepers in 19 additional states, meaning it will now be available in all contiguous 48 states.

Warm Hands on the Potomac

Goodbye, Al. After a 39-year stint in USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, **Al Almanza** retired from public service on July 31.

Copyright Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction or distribution in any form is prohibited without consent from Editor Sara Wyant, Agri-Pulse Communications Inc., 110 Waterside Lane, Camdenton, MO, 65020. Phone: (573) 873-0800. Fax: (573) 873-0801. Staff: Managing Editor Daniel Enoch; Senior Editor Philip Brasher; Associate Editor Spencer Chase; Associate Editor Steve Davies; Contributing Editor Jim Webster; Contributing Editor Ed Maixner; Senior Trade Editor Bill Tomson; Director of Marketing: Allan R. Johnson; Administrative Assistant: Sandi Schmitt. Marketing Manager: Jason Lutz; Editorial Coordinator: Sandra Cowherd; Editorial Intern: Ali Luety. A one-year subscription (48 issues) is \$637.00. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: Sara@Agri-Pulse.com. Visit: www.Agri-Pulse.com.

© Agri-Pulse Communications 2017. All rights reserved.

Subscription questions or "Opt Out" from these emails?

(573) 873-0800 or email us: sandi@agri-pulse.com

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Monroe, Angela <Angela.Monroe@maine.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 8:34 PM
To: Brent D.
Greenfield;craig.fleener@alaska.gov;yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov;jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov;maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov;Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov;Alice Perry;franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov;Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us);Walker, Trey;Ben.Nevers@la.gov;governor.hogan@maryland.gov;marybeth.tung@maryland.gov;greg.williams@maryland.gov
Cc: McGough, John
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting
Attachments: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting Materials.docx

Attached please find the agenda and some background materials for the Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition meeting Friday morning (7:30 am – 8:30 am on Friday, Feb. 24 in Washington, DC in the Peacock Lounge of the Willard InterContinental, located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (directly across the street from the JW Marriott, where many of the NGA activities will be taking place). Please note, the room will open by 7:00 a.m. and there will be a light continental breakfast available. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to seeing you there Friday morning.

~Angela

Angela Monroe

Governor's Energy Office – Maine
(207) 624-7446

From: Brent D. Greenfield [mailto:bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:43 AM
To: craig.fleener@alaska.gov; yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov; jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov; maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov; Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov; Alice Perry; franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov; Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us)
Cc: Monroe, Angela; McGough, John
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

Chairman LePage's office has asked me to relay the following update. First, the meeting is confirmed for 7:30 am – 8:30 am on Friday, Feb. 24 in Washington, DC at the Willard InterContinental, located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (directly across the street from the JW Marriott, where many of the NGA activities will be taking place). The meeting will take place in the hotel's Peacock Lounge.

Also, the room rental fee will be \$750 (with possible additional miscellaneous charges), to be paid from the Coalition's account. Please contact Angela Monroe at angela.monroe@maine.gov if you have any questions or concerns. Otherwise, payment processing will soon be initiated.

Additional meeting information including an agenda and background materials will be forthcoming, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best,
Brent

From: Brent D. Greenfield

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:43 AM

To: 'craig.fleener@alaska.gov' <craig.fleener@alaska.gov>; 'yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov' <yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov>; 'jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov' <jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov>; 'maribel.amos@governor.virginia.gov' <maribel.amos@governor.virginia.gov>; 'Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov' <Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov>; 'Alice Perry' <Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov>; 'franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov' <franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov>; 'Nick Tew' (ntew@gsa.state.al.us) <ntew@gsa.state.al.us>

Cc: 'Monroe, Angela' <Angela.Monroe@maine.gov>; 'john.mcgough@maine.gov' <john.mcgough@maine.gov>

Subject: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

At the request of Angela Monroe, primary contact for Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition Chair Gov. Paul LePage, I am writing to seek information on the availability of your Governor (or their designee, if unavailable) to join Gov. LePage at a meeting of the Coalition in downtown Washington, DC on Friday, Feb. 24 from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. As with previous Coalition meetings, there will be space for governors' staff to attend as well.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss items including recent federal offshore energy-related actions of interest and potential upcoming developments, as well as 2017 priorities for the Coalition.

Please provide guidance on scheduling availability as soon as possible, and let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Brent

Brent Greenfield
Consumer Energy Alliance
2211 Norfolk Street
Suite 410
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 337-8821 (Direct)
(866) 273-8998 (Fax)
bgreenfield@ConsumerEnergyAlliance.org



**OCS Governors Coalition
Meeting in Washington, DC
Friday, February 24, 2017**

**Willard InterContinental
Peacock Lounge
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

(All Times Eastern)

- 7:30 am** **Welcome and Introductions by OCS Governors Coalition Chairman Gov. Paul LePage**
- 7:35 am** **Remarks and Q&A with U.S. Interior Dept. Representative (Invited)**
- 7:50 am** **Brief History and Overview of OCS Governors Coalition**
A. *Purpose/Mission*
B. *Key Activities (2011-2016)*
C. *Recent and Potential Upcoming Federal Actions (2017-2020)*
D. *Potential OCS Governors Coalition Activities*
- 8:00 am** **Open Discussion, Including Discussion of Possible Action Items**
- 8:20 am** **Administrative Business**
A. *Membership Dues*
B. *Election of Vice Chair*
C. *OCS Governors Coalition Staff Conference Call Schedule*
- 8:30 am** **Meeting Adjourns**

Onsite Staff

Angela Monroe (Gov. LePage)	Cell: (207) 530-0704 Email: angela.monroe@maine.gov
Brent Greenfield (CEA)	Cell: (713) 805-5385 Email: bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org
Brydon Ross (CEA)	Cell: (832) 609-2088 Email: brross@consumerenergyalliance.org



**OCS Governors Coalition Confirmed Participants
Washington, DC • Friday, February 24**

Confirmed Meeting Attendees (As of February 22, 2017)

Alabama: Dr. Berry (Nick) Tew, Jr., State Geologist & Director, Geological Survey of Alabama
Zach Lee, Director of Federal & Local Government Affairs, Office of the Governor

Maine: The Honorable Paul LePage, Governor and Chair, OCS Governors Coalition
Angela Monroe, Acting Director, Governor's Energy Office

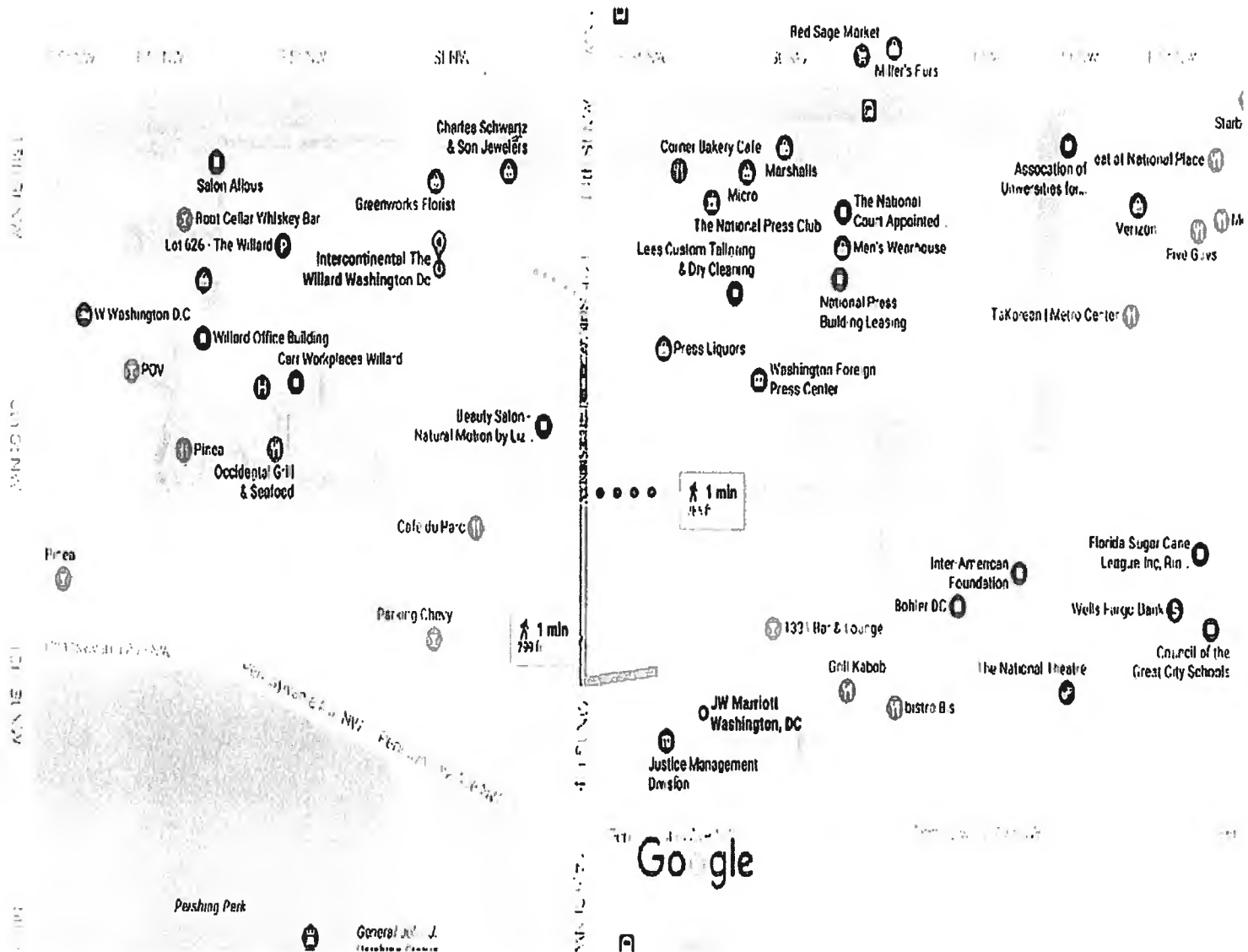
Mississippi: Ms. Alice Perry, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Texas: Mr. Jerry Strickland, Director, Texas Office of State-Federal Relations

Volunteer Staff with OCS Governors Coalition:

Consumer Energy Alliance: Mr. Brent Greenfield
Mr. Brydon Ross

Directions to Willard InterContinental from JW Marriott
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004
285 ft – about 1 minute



Map data ©2017 Google 50 ft

OCS GOVERNORS COALITION HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

Purpose

The OCS Governors Coalition was formed to provide a mechanism for interested coastal state governors to promote a constructive dialogue between the state and federal governments on offshore energy resource evaluation, planning, development, and related policy matters.

Mission

In May 2011, the OCS Governors Coalition came together with a simple mission:

- Improve communication between federal and state officials on OCS issues;
- Improve understanding of potential energy resources and opportunities adjacent to the various coastal states;
- Improve understanding of the impact those energy resources could have on local, state and federal revenues; and
- Improved management and stewardship of coastal resources related to coastal and ocean activities

As a unified force, the Governors work with an amplified voice to advance this mission and to influence a sensible path forward for the development of America's OCS energy resources.

Key OCS Governors Coalition Activities (2011-2016)

As detailed below, key Coalition activities to date have included direct engagement on offshore energy matters through correspondence and face-to-face meetings with senior federal officials including the President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior, Members of Congress, and participation in panel discussions hosted by the Offshore Technology Conference and Southern States Energy Board.

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| May 2011 | OCS Governors Coalition is formed, with its establishment announced at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, followed by panel discussion and initial meeting featuring AK Gov. Sean Parnell, LA Gov. Bobby Jindal (chair), MS Gov. Haley Barbour, TX Gov. Rick Perry, and a surrogate for VA Gov. Bob McDonnell. |
| March 2012 | OCS Governors Coalition sends letter to Pres. Obama identifying the following priorities for 2012 and requesting a better dialogue with the administration to address them: (1) accelerated pace and level of permitting for Gulf of Mexico and Alaska OCS exploration and production; (2) expanded access to new OCS areas for traditional and renewable energy development; (3) expansion of OCS federal revenue sharing to include all states hosting development off their shores; and (4) updated evaluations on OCS resources |
| August 2012 | OCS Governors Coalition sends follow-up letter to Pres. Obama expressing growing concern over lack of communication from federal government, including the failure to adequately consult with coastal states on the 2012-2017 OCS oil and gas leasing plan and the desire for constructive engagement to explore ways to expand access in parallel with the 2012-2017 program. |
| October 2012 | AK Gov. Sean Parnell replaces LA Gov. Bobby Jindal as Chair. |

February 2013 NC Gov. Pat McCrory becomes 8th member of OCS Governors Coalition, and joins AK Gov. Sean Parnell, MS Gov. Phil Bryant, and surrogates/staff for VA Gov. Bob McDonnell, SC Gov. Nikki Haley, and TX Gov. Rick Perry for meeting to review progress on OCS revenue-sharing legislation and other policy proposals. Coalition adopts bylaws and agrees to work together to advance revenue-sharing and encourage the Obama administration to ensure a more consistent and efficient permitting regime. Governors also participate in a media availability.

March 2013 OCS Governors Coalition sends correspondence to U.S. Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Chair and Ranking Member requesting that certain topics be addressed with U.S. Interior Sec. nominee Sally Jewell at her confirmation hearing.

March 2013 OCS Governors Coalition sends correspondence to U.S. Interior Sec. nominee Sally Jewell to encourage her to utilize the Coalition as a source of information and counsel and consider the group as partners in her decision-making, and to highlight priorities for OCS revenue-sharing, a more consistent/efficient permitting system, and expanded access to new areas for traditional/renewable energy development.

May 2013 OCS Governors Coalition members Robert Bentley (AL), Phil Bryant (MS), Nikki Haley (SC), Pat McCrory (NC), Sean Parnell (AK), and Rick Perry (TX), as well as representatives from Louisiana and Virginia, headline Offshore Technology Conference panel discussion in Houston and underscore support for OCS revenue-sharing legislation and efficient, timely, consistent regulatory approval for offshore development, and expanded access for traditional/renewable energy development.

June 2013 OCS Governors Coalition sends correspondence to U.S. House Speaker and Minority Leader expressing support for House legislation to expand areas available for OCS development (Atlantic, Pacific, and U.S.-Mexico maritime border in the Gulf of Mexico) and expand OCS revenue-sharing.

July 2013 OSC Governors Coalition sends correspondence to all U.S. Senators and Representatives from the 8 member states to highlight Coalition priorities (expand revenue-sharing and access, ensure an efficient and consistent regulatory regime for traditional/renewable energy development, improve understanding of potential offshore energy resources [Mid/South Atlantic in particular], and improve coastal resource management and stewardship) and encourage them to urge the Obama administration to pursue decision-making in a transparent, collective manner that values the opinion of state and local leaders.

Oct. 2013 OCS Governors Coalition Chair Sean Parnell (AK) joins Gov.'s Phil Bryant (MS) and Pat McCrory (NC) and VA Sec. of Natural Resources Doug Domenech for panel discussion at Southern States Energy Board meeting in Biloxi, MS. Coalition then participates in industry roundtable that addresses the federal offshore leasing plan development process, offshore safety and technology, seismic surveys and resource evaluation, and the potential of offshore renewable energy, followed by Coalition meetings that include surrogates/staff for Coalition members from AK, AL, LA, MS, NC, TX, and VA and discussion of administrative matters, recruitment of new members, and priorities and action items.

Dec. 2013 NC Gov. Pat McCrory becomes Vice Chair.

Dec. 2013	OCS Governors Coalition sends correspondence to U.S. Interior Sec. Sally Jewell to comment on the annual progress report for the 2012-2017 OCS oil and gas leasing program, offering support for areawide leasing in the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico and a scheduled lease sale in the Eastern Gulf, while noting that the 2012-2017 program excludes the Arctic, Mid/South Atlantic, and most of the Eastern Gulf, expressing opposition to the administration's targeted leasing approach in the Arctic, calling on the administration to complete the review necessary for Mid/South Atlantic seismic surveys to move forward, and requesting immediate action to initiate the development of the 2017-2022 program and to prepare for the 2022 expiration of the leasing moratorium that covers most of the Eastern Gulf.
Dec. 2013:	OCS Governors Coalition sends correspondence to U.S. Senate Energy & Natural Resources Ranking Member requesting that certain topics be addressed with U.S. Asst. Interior Sec. for Land and Minerals Management Janice Schneider at her confirmation hearing.
Feb. 2014	NC Gov. Pat McCrory replaces AK Gov. Sean Parnell as Chair, and is joined by Gov.'s Robert Bentley (AL), Phil Bryant (MS), and Terry McAuliffe (VA) for Coalition meeting and media availability in Washington, DC (surrogates for AK Gov. Parnell, LA Gov. Jindal, and TX Gov. Perry attend meeting as well). Meeting includes discussion with U.S. Interior Sec. Sally Jewell and senior officials, where they urge Jewell to expand access to offshore resources, move forward with oil, gas, and wind exploration and development, and pursue comprehensive workshops with states and industry to identify and remedy any potential unintended consequences before finalizing a rule.
July 2014	OCS Governors Coalition Chair Pat McCrory releases statement applauding U.S. Interior Department's completion of a framework for accepting and considering applications to conduct seismic surveys in the Mid/South Atlantic.
July 2014	OCS Governors Coalition submits correspondence to U.S. Interior Sec. Sally Jewell providing comments on the development of the 2017-2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing program. Letter urges the Obama administration to include all unleased areas in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and off Alaska in the Draft Proposed Program and to support congressional efforts to expand revenue-sharing to all participating coastal states and to modify the existing revenue-sharing structure for the Gulf Coast states.
Jan. 2015	OCS Governors Coalition Chair Pat McCrory issues statement applauding the inclusion of the Mid- and South Atlantic in the 2017-2022 Draft Proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program.
Feb. 2015	ME Gov. Paul LePage and AK Gov. Bill Walker join OCS Governors Coalition.
Feb. 2015	OCS Governors Coalition, including MS Gov. Phil Bryant, NC Gov. Pat McCrory, and VA Gov. Terry McAuliffe and surrogates for AK Gov. Bill Walker and AL Gov. Robert Bentley, holds meeting in Washington, DC. Coalition discusses seismic surveys, the 2017-2022 Draft Proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, and offshore wind, and also reached consensus to urge their congressional delegations to work together to develop regional revenue-sharing legislation rather than legislation for each individual state. Staff from several congressional offices also attend, and Chair McCrory participates in media availability following the meeting.

- March 2015 OCS Governors Coalition sends correspondence to U.S. Interior Sec. Sally Jewell providing comments on the 2017-2022 Draft Proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. Letter urges the Obama administration to leave all areas included in the Draft Proposed Program intact (Mid/South Atlantic, Western, Central, and sliver of Eastern Gulf of Mexico, and Alaska's Cook Inlet and Beaufort and Chukchi Seas), consider earlier lease sale dates for proposed leases in the Atlantic and Alaska, and support congressional efforts to expand revenue-sharing to all participating coastal states and modify the existing structure for the Gulf Coast states.
- Feb. 2016 OCS Governors Coalition holds meeting that includes AK Gov. Bill Walker, NC Gov. Pat McCrory, and VA Gov. Terry McAuliffe. Meeting includes discussion with senior officials from the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and National Marine Fisheries Service, during which Governors communicate the importance of maintaining the Atlantic and Arctic in the 2017-2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program and promptly issuing the approvals needed for Atlantic seismic surveys to commence.
- Jan. 2017 ME Gov. Paul LePage replaces NC Gov. Pat McCrory as Chair.

RECENT FEDERAL ACTIONS

- Jan. 17, 2017 U.S. Interior Sec. Sally Jewell approves 2017-2022 offshore oil and gas leasing program that limits leasing to the Western, Central, and sliver of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico not subject to congressional moratorium through 2022, and Alaska's Cook Inlet¹
- Jan. 17, 2017 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management issues final notice for Mar. 2017 wind energy lease sale for area covering over 122,000 acres off North Carolina²
- Jan. 7, 2017 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management rejects applications to conduct underwater oil and gas seismic surveys in the Mid- and South Atlantic³
- Dec. 20, 2016 Pres. Obama indefinitely removes the entire Chukchi Sea and most of the Beaufort Sea offshore Alaska (~115 million acres) from future oil and gas leasing⁴
- Dec. 20, 2016 Pres. Obama indefinitely removes 31 canyons stretching from the Norfolk Canyon offshore Chesapeake Bay northward to the Heezen Canyon off New England (3.8 million acres) from future oil and gas leasing⁵
- Dec. 16, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management holds offshore wind lease sale for area covering over 79,000 acres off New York⁶
- Dec. 9, 2016 Pres. Obama indefinitely removes the Norton Basin Planning Area and portions of the St. Matthew-Hall Planning Area (25.792 million acres) from future oil and gas leasing⁷
- Dec. 7, 2016 White House announces approval of marine plans for the Northeast (Connecticut northward to Maine) and Mid-Atlantic (Virginia northward to New York)⁸
- Nov. 18, 2016 Interior Sec. Sally Jewell releases final 2017-2022 offshore oil and gas leasing program that excludes the Mid- and South Atlantic and Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, limiting the program to the Western, Central, and sliver of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico not subject to congressional moratorium through 2022, and Alaska's Cook Inlet⁹
- Sept. 28, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management proposes new restrictions for Gulf of Mexico geological and geophysical surveys¹⁰
- Sept. 15, 2016 Pres. Obama establishes the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, precluding any energy development in 3.14 million acres off New England¹¹

¹ <https://www.boem.gov/2017-2022-Record-of-Decision/>

² <https://www.boem.gov/82-FR-5600/>

³ <https://www.boem.gov/press01062017/>

⁴ <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/20/presidential-memorandum-withdrawal-certain-portions-united-states-arctic> and https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016_arctic_withdrawal_fact_sheet_for_release.pdf

⁵ <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/20/presidential-memorandum-withdrawal-certain-areas-atlantic-coast-outer> and https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/atlantic_canyons_fact_sheet_for_release.pdf

⁶ <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-auctions-over-79000-acres-offshore-new-york-wind-energy>

⁷ <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/09/executive-order-northern-bering-sea-climate-resilience>

⁸ <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/2016/12/07/nations-first-ocean-plans>

⁹ <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-announces-offshore-oil-and-gas-leasing-plan-2017-2022>

¹⁰ <https://www.boem.gov/press09282016/>

¹¹ <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/15/presidential-proclamation-northeast-canyons-and-seamounts-marine>

- Aug. 26, 2016 Pres. Obama expands Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument precluding any energy development in an additional 283 million acres in the Pacific¹²
- Aug. 26, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement releases final production safety systems rule¹³
- Aug. 24, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management holds Western Gulf of Mexico lease sale¹⁴
- July 14, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management announces new decommissioning-related financial assurance and risk management requirements for offshore oil and gas leases¹⁵
- July 7, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement issue joint final Arctic offshore oil and gas exploratory drilling rule¹⁶
- June 10, 2016 NOAA proposes expansion of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary¹⁷
- Apr. 14, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement releases final well control rule¹⁸
- Mar. 23, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management holds Central Gulf of Mexico lease sale¹⁹
- Mar. 17, 2016 U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management releases proposed rule to overhaul air regulations pertaining to offshore oil and gas activity in the Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska's North Slope Borough²⁰
- Mar. 15, 2016 U.S. Interior Sec. Sally Jewell releases proposed 2017-2022 offshore oil and gas leasing program that excludes the Mid and South Atlantic, limiting proposed lease sales to the Western, Central, and sliver of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico not subject to congressional moratorium through 2022, and Alaska's Cook Inlet²¹

¹² <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/08/26/presidential-proclamation-papahanaumokuakea-marine-national-monument>

¹³ <https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/interior-issues-final-regulations-to-o>

¹⁴ <https://www.boem.gov/press08242016/>

¹⁵ <https://www.boem.gov/press07142016/>

¹⁶ <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-issues-final-regulations-raise-safety-environmental-standards-any-future>

¹⁷ <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-10/pdf/2016-13661.pdf>

¹⁸ <https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/interior-department-releases-final-well>

¹⁹ <https://www.boem.gov/press03232016/>

²⁰ <https://www.boem.gov/press03172016/>

²¹ <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-announces-next-step-offshore-oil-and-gas-leasing-planning-process>

FEDERAL OFFSHORE OIL AND NATURAL GAS LEASING

Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act

Pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf ("OCS") Lands Act ("Act"), the federal government is tasked with making U.S. federal waters available for "expeditious and orderly development." To that end, the Act directs the Interior Department to develop a five-year program for offshore oil and natural gas lease sales that is designed to "best meet national energy needs."

In developing the program, the Interior Department must consider a series of eight factors, including information concerning the geographical, geological, and ecological characteristics of U.S. OCS regions, as well as the laws, goals, and policies of affected states as specifically identified by the Governors of such states as relevant for consideration.

Significantly, any geographic area that is excluded along the way in the development of the leasing program cannot be added back in later, barring an Act of Congress or the re-initiation of the multi-year leasing program development process at the last stage in which the area of interest was included (if at all).

Five-Year Leasing Plan: Recent History and Current Status

Under the current 2012-2017 offshore oil and natural gas leasing program, offshore oil and natural gas leasing in federal waters is limited to the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico, a tiny sliver in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico not subject to congressional moratorium through 2022, and Alaska's Cook Inlet. Citing current market conditions and alleged low industry interest at the time, the Interior Department cancelled lease sales in Alaska's Arctic that had been proposed for 2016 (Chukchi Sea) and 2017 (Beaufort Sea).

The 2012-2017 leasing program thus excludes significant oil and natural gas resources from potential development. For example, based on conservative federal estimates that would likely increase following new seismic exploration surveys, the Atlantic OCS contains an estimated mean undiscovered and technically recoverable ("UTRR") 11.39 billion barrels of oil-equivalent, while the Eastern Gulf of Mexico contains an estimated mean 5.68 billion barrels of oil-equivalent (UTRR). Studies suggest that development of these resources could ultimately support ~510,000 jobs and \$121 billion+ in cumulative government revenue.

As to the Alaskan Arctic, the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas are home to an estimated 23.6 billion barrels of oil and ~104.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas (UTRR). Studies have shown that development of these resources would create an annual average of 54,700 jobs nationwide, an estimated cumulative payroll of \$145 billion, and \$193 billion in federal, state, and local revenues.

With the most recent Atlantic lease sale having taken place in 1983, the Bush administration in 2008 commenced the steps necessary to move forward with a proposed lease sale off Virginia in 2011. In January 2009, the Bush administration also issued a proposed 2010-2015 draft proposed leasing program that included lease sales in the North, Mid, and South Atlantic, as well as a large area in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (subject to lifting of congressional moratorium), Southern California, and the North Aleutian Basin in Alaska.

However, the Obama administration subsequently cancelled the proposed Virginia lease sale, and delayed and significantly scaled back the proposed 2010-2015 leasing program, instead finalizing a 2012-2017 program that excluded the Atlantic, vast majority of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, Southern

California, and the North Aleutian Basin. In 2014, President Obama took executive action to indefinitely remove the North Aleutian Basin from any further consideration for oil and natural gas leasing.

In June 2014, the Obama administration initiated the development of the 2017-2022 oil and natural gas leasing program. The process led to a January 2015 Draft Proposed Program that included a proposed Atlantic lease sale in 2021 that would include waters extending from Virginia southward to Georgia, subject to a 50-mile coastal buffer, as well as the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico, the tiny sliver of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico that is not subject to a congressional moratorium, and Alaska's Beaufort and Chukchi Seas and Cook Inlet.

In March 2016, the Obama administration released its 2017-2022 Proposed Program. In doing so, the administration maintained the previously proposed leasing regions in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska, but importantly reversed course by removing the previously proposed Atlantic lease sale, thus ensuring that at least 87% of federal waters would be excluded from leasing access through 2022.

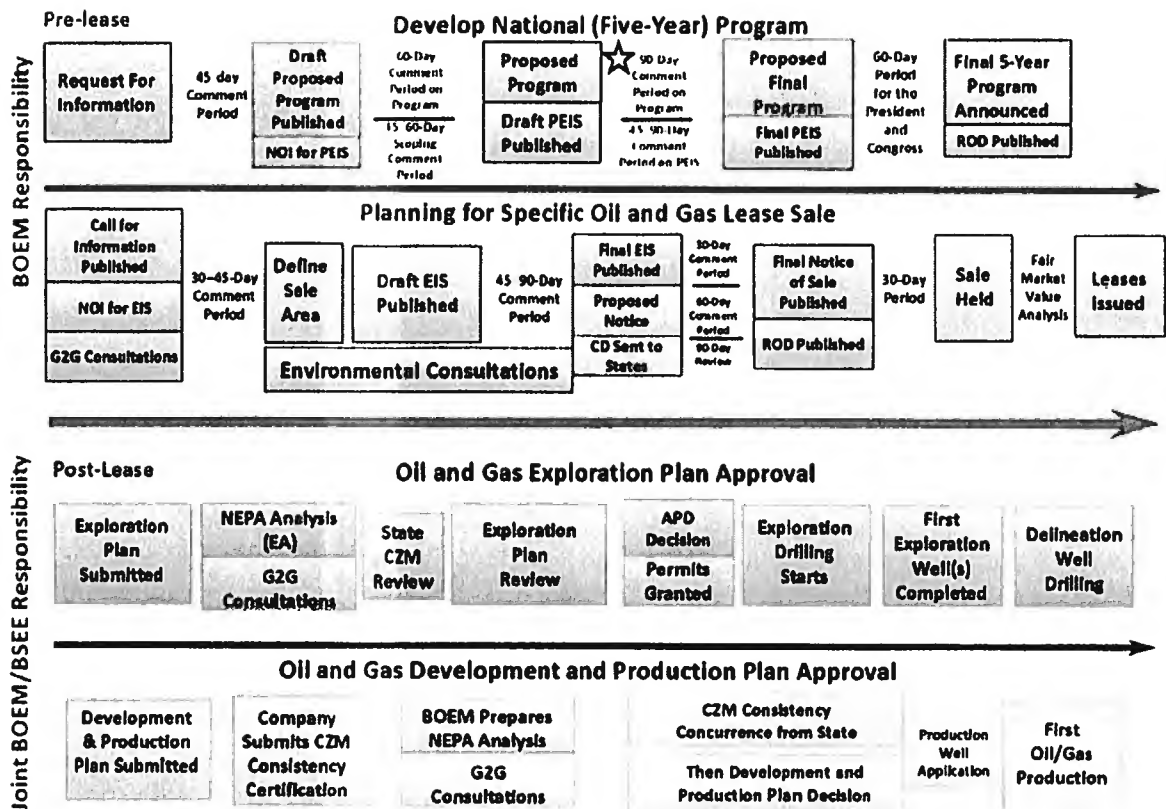
In removing the Atlantic, the Obama administration ignored several critical facts: (1) all four states in the proposed Atlantic leasing region supported inclusion of the area in the 2017-2022 program, including the region's four governors, all 8 U.S. senators, and a majority of each of the states' congressional delegations; (2) over 50% of the 1.1 million comments received on the Draft Proposed Program were in favor of including the proposed Atlantic leasing region; and (3) public polling in every state in the proposed Atlantic leasing region reflected strong majority support for offshore oil and natural gas development.

As to the administration's justification of the removal based on alleged conflicts with military and other activities and current market dynamics, the Defense Department only labeled ~5% of the proposed leasing region as completely incompatible with potential oil and natural gas activity, the Interior Department itself has acknowledged the coexistence of oil and natural gas activity with other uses in areas like the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska, and current market dynamics are irrelevant considering that a 2021 lease sale would not be expected to lead to production until around the mid-2030s at the earliest.

With comment periods on the Proposed Program having concluded in May and June, the Obama administration released a Proposed Final Program and associated Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement in November 2016 that excluded Alaska's Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. The plan was formally adopted in January 2017.

Post-Five Year Leasing Plan Activity

As the following chart illustrates, an additional series of reviews and public engagement activities must occur before an actual lease sale included in a leasing program can take place. The graphic also reflects that, even after an individual lease sale, additional rounds of reviews and approvals are necessary before exploration drilling and production on any lease can occur.



Source: <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-OCS-Oil-Gas-Leasing-Process/>

OIL AND NATURAL GAS SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN FEDERAL WATERS

Seismic Surveys

To carry out oil and natural gas seismic surveys, marine vessels use acoustic arrays, such as a set of compressed air chambers, to create seismic pulses. The acoustic array is towed behind a seismic survey vessel and releases bursts of high pressure energy into the water. The pulses are bounced off the layers of rock beneath the ocean floor. The returning sound waves are detected and recorded by hydrophones that are spaced out along a series of cables that are dragged behind the survey ship or autonomous nodes placed on the seafloor by remote operated vehicles. Seismologists then analyze the information, using computers, to visualize the features that make up the underground structure of the ocean floor.²²

In opposing seismic surveys in the Atlantic, some have claimed that seismic activities pose a harm to marine life and coastal communities. However, as BOEM's Chief Environmental Officer has noted:

"To date, there has been no documented scientific evidence of noise from air guns used in geological and geophysical (G&G) seismic activities adversely affecting marine animal populations or coastal communities. This technology has been used for more than 30 years around the world. It is still used in U.S. waters off of the Gulf of Mexico with no known detrimental impact to marine animal populations or to commercial fishing."²³

Moreover, several seismic surveys utilizing technology similar to that used for oil and gas surveys have taken place in the Atlantic in recent years for scientific research purposes. These surveys occurred off the Eastern Seaboard (Florida to New England), North Carolina, and New Jersey, all without incident or any evidence of harm to marine life or the environment.²⁴

Atlantic Permitting Process (Delaware to Florida)

Citing support for a balanced energy portfolio that "carefully weighs what is in the best interest of our energy-dependent nation with what is in the interest of our natural environment," in 2009 Congress directed the Interior Department to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) "to evaluate potential significant environmental effects of multiple geological and geophysical activities in the Atlantic OCS and provide a detailed timeline for completion of the PEIS no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act."²⁵

Initially scheduled for completion in April 2012, the Obama administration in July 2014 finally completed the PEIS,²⁶ which established the framework under which the Interior Department would review applications to conduct oil and gas, renewable energy, and marine mineral-related seismic surveys offshore the U.S. East Coast from Delaware to Florida. This long-awaited action seemingly paved the way for industry to employ sophisticated data-collection technologies to revise existing hydrocarbon estimates for the Mid- and South Atlantic region that are based on decades-old surveys.

Thus, in 2014, companies submitted applications to BOEM seeking approval to conduct underwater deep-penetration seismic surveys in the Atlantic. However, following major delays and new obstacles

²² http://www.iagc.org/uploads/4/5/0/7/45074397/iagc_1_pager_intro_to_seismic_final.pdf

²³ <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-Science-Note-August-2014/>

²⁴ <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm#usgs2014>; Lamont-Doherty/National Science Foundation Marine Seismic Survey in Atlantic Ocean off North Carolina; Lamont-Doherty and National Science Foundation Seismic Survey in the NW Atlantic Ocean offshore New Jersey

²⁵ <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CRPT-111hrpt316/pdf/CRPT-111hrpt316.pdf>

²⁶ <http://www.boem.gov/Atlantic-G-G-PEIS/>

associated with NMFS processing of marine mammal permit authorization requests ("Incidental Harassment Authorizations"), BOEM in January 2017 announced that it was rejecting all pending applications.²⁷

Data obtained from these surveys would provide critical information that would help facilitate informed decision-making and economically and environmentally effective activities should Atlantic leasing and drilling ultimately take place.

To illustrate how important data using current technology can be, mean estimates of oil resources in the Gulf of Mexico increased 500% from 1987 estimates following the advent and application of more modern seismic technology.²⁸

Notably, leadership in the four Atlantic states that the Obama administration previously proposed for potential offshore oil and natural gas leasing (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia) all expressed support for better understanding the region's offshore energy resources through seismic exploration.

Gulf of Mexico

BOEM is also currently considering the imposition of new restrictions on Gulf of Mexico seismic surveys through the development of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), including seasonal restrictions in all coastal waters and expanded passive acoustic monitoring requirements. The PEIS is expected to be finalized by September 2017. NMFS will use the information developed through the PEIS to develop its own rule in 2017 governing the agency's future issuance of marine mammal Incidental Take Authorizations for seismic surveys in the Gulf.

²⁷ <https://www.boem.gov/press01062017/>

²⁸ <http://www.boem.gov/Historic-Assessments/>

FEDERAL OFFSHORE REVENUE-SHARING

Current Law

In contrast to onshore oil and natural gas development, where states are authorized to receive 50% of all revenue generated by production from federal lands, existing federal law places significant limitations on sharing revenue generated from federal offshore oil and natural gas leases with adjacent states.

While Section 8(g) of the Outer Continental Lands Act allocates 27 percent of revenues generated from federal oil and natural gas leases and development within three miles of the state's seaward boundary (known as the "8(g) zone") to the affected coastal state, the ability for all coastal states to participate in offshore revenue-sharing is significantly limited by the provision's narrow geographic area, which is known as the 8(g) zone.

In 2006, Congress passed the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA), which in part directed that the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama receive 37.5 percent of all revenue generated from new oil and natural gas leases in federal waters beyond the 8(g) zone that are adjacent to their respective state (with 20% of each Gulf-producing state's allocable share paid directly to those states' coastal counties/parishes).

The intent of GOMESA is to ensure states have adequate resources to fund coastal restoration and conservation initiatives and hurricane protection projects. As such, on top of revenues distributed to the GOMESA states, 12.5 percent of revenues are allocated to the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The remainder goes to the Historic Preservation Fund, Reclamation Fund, Native American Tribes & Allottees, and the U.S. Treasury.

The amount states can receive year-to-year directly correlates to the amount of revenue generated from production royalties, rents, and lease sales. During the initial phase of GOMESA, first implemented in 2007, states receive qualified revenues from new leases issued in the 181 Area in the Eastern Planning Area and the 181 South Area. In 2017, the second phase of GOMESA will expand qualified revenues to include revenue from any leases issued in the Gulf of Mexico after December 20, 2006 (subject to a \$500 million annual cap that extends through 2055).

Offshore revenue-sharing beyond the limited 8(g) zone is thus currently limited to Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Proposed Legislative Changes

Members of the U.S. House and Senate from both political parties have supported congressional efforts in recent years to reform existing federal law regarding offshore revenue-sharing.

Most recently, in June 2016, U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Tim Scott (R-SC), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and David Vitter (R-LA) introduced a bill that would extend 37.5% revenue-sharing to Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Alaska.²⁹ In addition, the bill would also gradually raise the existing \$500 million annual cap applicable to states receiving Gulf of

²⁹ <https://www.congress.gov/114/bills/s3110/BILLS-114s3110pcs.pdf>

Mexico revenues. In Nov. 2016, the U.S. Senate fell 9 votes short of the 60 needed to proceed to a vote on the bill.³⁰

Previous bills seeking to expand revenue-sharing have also been introduced or co-introduced by U.S. Senators Richard Burr (R-NC),³¹ Mark Warner (D-VA),³² and Tim Kaine (D-VA).³³

In June 2014, with the support of 10 Democrats, and previously in June 2013 with the support of 16 Democrats, the U.S. House passed legislation that would have expanded revenue-sharing to all states with oil and natural gas leasing activity in adjacent federal waters and raise the existing \$500 million annual cap applicable to states receiving Gulf of Mexico revenues.³⁴

In addition to bipartisan congressional support, Democrat, Republican, and Independent governors from coastal states across the country have urged the Obama administration to support efforts to expand offshore revenue-sharing beyond the four Gulf of Mexico states and to modify the existing structure for the Gulf of Mexico states.³⁵

Obama Administration Opposition

In addition to refusing to support bipartisan congressional efforts to expand and reform offshore energy revenue-sharing, the Obama administration went even further in 2015 and again in 2016 by proposing to repeal revenue-sharing with the Gulf of Mexico states as required under GOMESA.³⁶

Lawmakers from both parties, as well as hundreds of entities including local governments, environmental organizations, and community groups, responded with opposition to the administration's proposal.³⁷

³⁰ Nov. 17, 2016 Roll Call Vote 153 on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3110 ("American Energy and Conservation Act of 2016").

³¹ <https://www.congress.gov/crec/2015/01/27/CREC-2015-01-27-pt1-Pgs503-2.pdf>

³² <https://www.congress.gov/113/bills/s1024/BILLS-113s1024is.pdf>

³³ <https://www.congress.gov/113/bills/s1024/BILLS-113s1024is.pdf>

³⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/113/bills/hr4899/BILLS-113hr4899rfs.pdf>; <https://www.congress.gov/113/bills/hr2231/BILLS-113hr2231rfs.pdf>; <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2014/roll368.xml>; <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2013/roll304.xml>

³⁵ <http://ocsgovernors.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/FINAL-QCSGC-Letter-on-DPP-2017-2022-03-30-15.pdf>;

<http://gov.state.ak.us/Walker/press-room/full-press-released09b.html?pr=7089>

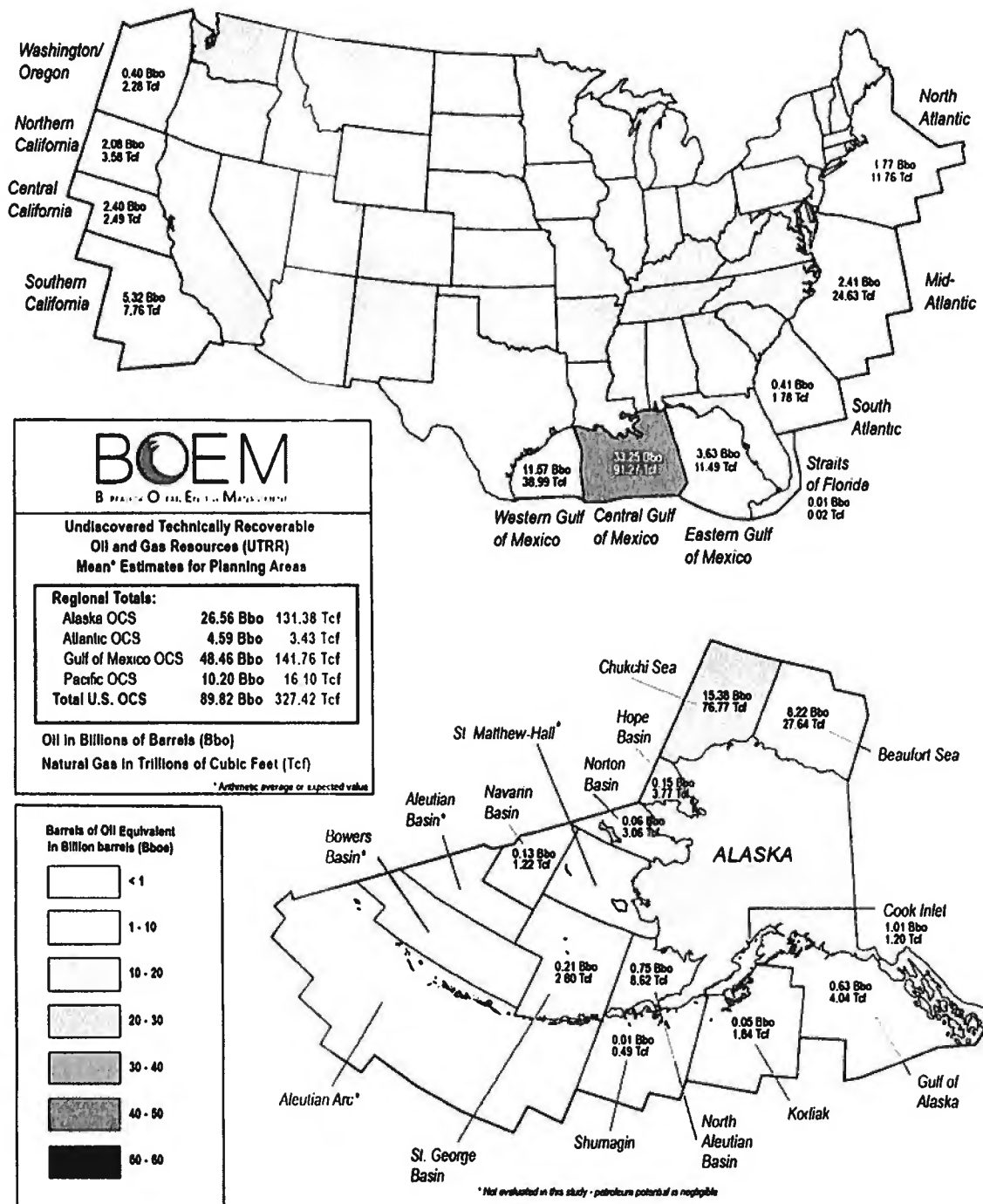
³⁶ https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017_Highlights_Book.pdf

³⁷ See e.g. http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/files/serve?file_id=3dee1440-c416-40af-9a9b-0cd3fa4d3f7e;

<https://richmond.house.gov/sites/richmond.house.gov/files/2015-02-04%20Richmond%20Letter%20to%20President%20Obama%20re%20Offshore%20Oil%20%26%20Gas%20Revenue%20Sharing.pdf>;

<http://www.mississippiriverdelta.org/blog/2016/03/08/mrd-coalition-sends-president-obama-a-letter-on-gomesa-funding/>

Assessment of Undiscovered Technically Recoverable Oil and Gas Resources of the Nation's Outer Continental Shelf, 2016



OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTIVITY IN FEDERAL WATERS

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is authorized to issue leases, easements, and rights of way for renewable energy development in federal waters.

Offshore Renewable Energy Leasing Activity and Process

There are currently 11 offshore renewable energy leases in effect:³⁸

- Delaware: one non-competitive commercial wind lease³⁹
- Maryland: two auctioned commercial wind leases⁴⁰
- Massachusetts: two auctioned commercial wind leases and one non-competitive wind lease⁴¹
- New Jersey: two auctioned commercial wind leases⁴²
- Rhode Island/Massachusetts: two auctioned commercial wind leases⁴³
- Virginia: one auctioned commercial wind lease⁴⁴

In addition, in Dec. 2016 BOEM held a commercial wind lease sale for an area covering over 79,000 acres off New York in which Statoil was the provisional winner.⁴⁵

Also, in Jan. 2017, BOEM announced that a commercial wind lease sale for an area covering over 122,000 acres off North Carolina will be held in March 2017.⁴⁶ Two additional wind energy areas off North Carolina are being considered for future potential leasing through South Carolina's leasing process, given the proximity of the two North Carolina areas to viewsheds in South Carolina.⁴⁷

³⁸ On May 31, 2016, Florida Atlantic University's Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center submitted an application for full relinquishment of its marine hydrokinetic technology testing (ocean current energy) lease. See <https://www.boem.gov/Florida/>.

³⁹ In December 2016, Bluewater Wind Delaware's lease was assigned to GSOE I, LLC. See <https://www.boem.gov/Delaware/>.

⁴⁰ U.S. Wind, Inc.'s two commercial leases took effect in Dec. 2014, and the company submitted a Site Assessment Plan in April 2016. See <https://www.boem.gov/State-Activities-Maryland/>.

⁴¹ Cape Wind Associates' (CWA) lease was issued in October 2010, and BOEM granted CWA a 2-year lease suspension in July 2015. Two additional leases issued to RES America Developments Inc. and Offshore MW LLC took effect in April 2015. The RES America Developments lease was subsequently assigned to DONG Energy Massachusetts LLC, which was later renamed Bay State Wind LLC. In 2016, both companies received approvals to extend by 1 year their deadline for submitting a Site Assessment Plan (now due April 1, 2017). See <https://www.boem.gov/Massachusetts/>.

⁴² Deepwater Wind's and Fishermen's Energy of New Jersey's leases to conduct wind and environmental resource characterizations expired in 2014. Two leases issued in 2015 to RES America Developments Inc. and US Wind Inc. took effect in March 2016. See <https://www.boem.gov/New-Jersey/>.

⁴³ Deepwater Wind New England's two leases took effect in October 2013. Deepwater Wind submitted a Site Assessment Plan for the North Lease Area in April 2016, and a Construction and Operations Plan for its South Lease Area is due by Jan. 1, 2019. See <https://www.boem.gov/Commercial-Wind-Lease-Rhode-Island-and-Massachusetts/>.

⁴⁴ Virginia Electric and Power Company's (dba Dominion Virginia Power) lease took effect in Nov. 2013, and the company submitted a Site Assessment Plan in March 2016. In addition, a wind energy research lease was issued in 2015 to Virginia's Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Virginia Electric and Power Company was designated as the lease operator, and in March 2016, BOEM approved a Research Activity Plan. See <https://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/State-Activities/VA/Commercial-Lease-for-Wind-Energy-Offshore-Virginia.aspx>, <https://www.boem.gov/VOWTAP/>, and <https://www.boem.gov/press03242016/>.

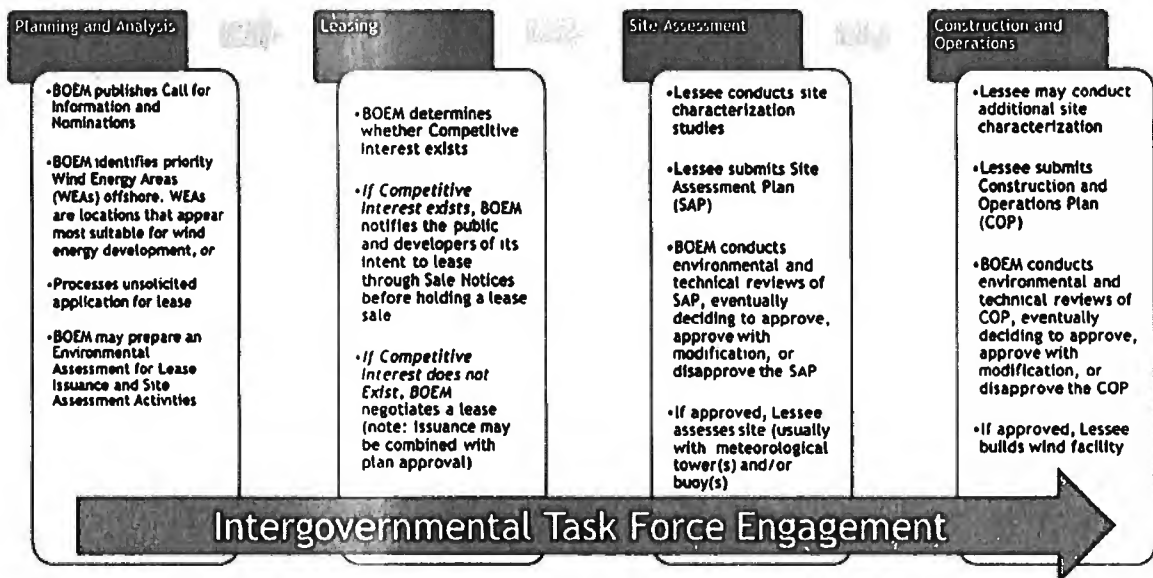
⁴⁵ See <https://www.boem.gov/New-York/>.

⁴⁶ Nine companies have been identified as qualified bidders. See <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-auction-122000-acres-offshore-north-carolina-wind-energy>.

⁴⁷ Four companies having previously expressed interest in those areas. See <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-announces-milestone-wind-energy-development-offshore-north-carolina> and <https://www.boem.gov/SC-TF-Presentation-Realignment/> and [https://www.boem.gov/uploadedFiles/BOEM/Renewable_Energy_Program/State_Activities/NCTable%20of%20Responses\(1\).pdf](https://www.boem.gov/uploadedFiles/BOEM/Renewable_Energy_Program/State_Activities/NCTable%20of%20Responses(1).pdf).

Other areas with current interest and/or activity include:

- California: two companies have expressed interest in developing wind energy off the state's central coast⁴⁸
- Hawaii: two companies have submitted unsolicited wind energy lease requests for three areas off Oahu, and BOEM is now in the process of identifying an area for potential future wind development⁴⁹
- South Carolina: two companies have expressed interest in developing offshore wind energy⁵⁰



Source: <https://www.boem.gov/Commercial-Leasing-Process-Fact-Sheet/>

Offshore Renewable Energy Revenue Sharing

Pursuant to Sec. 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the sharing of revenues generated from offshore alternate energy activity is limited to 27% of the revenue generated by such activity in federal waters located within 3 miles of the state-federal maritime boundary.⁵¹

Intergovernmental Task Forces

To promote planning and coordination for offshore renewable energy development in federal waters, to date BOEM has established Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Forces (some of which are not currently active) for the following states:

- California
- Delaware
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts

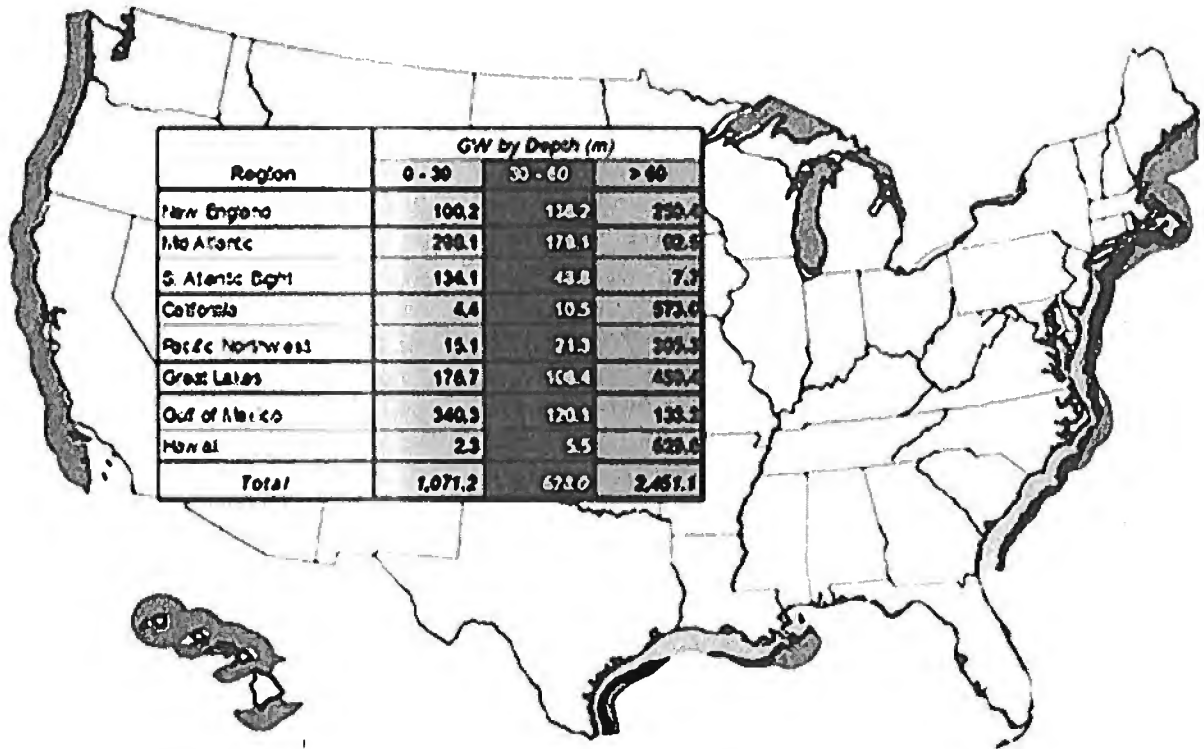
⁴⁸ See <https://www.boem.gov/California/>.

⁴⁹ See <https://www.boem.gov/Hawaii/>.

⁵⁰ See <https://www.boem.gov/SC-Nomination-Tables/>.

⁵¹ See <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-109publ58/pdf/PLAW-109publ58.pdf>.

- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Virginia



United States offshore wind resource by region and depth
(Credit: NREL)

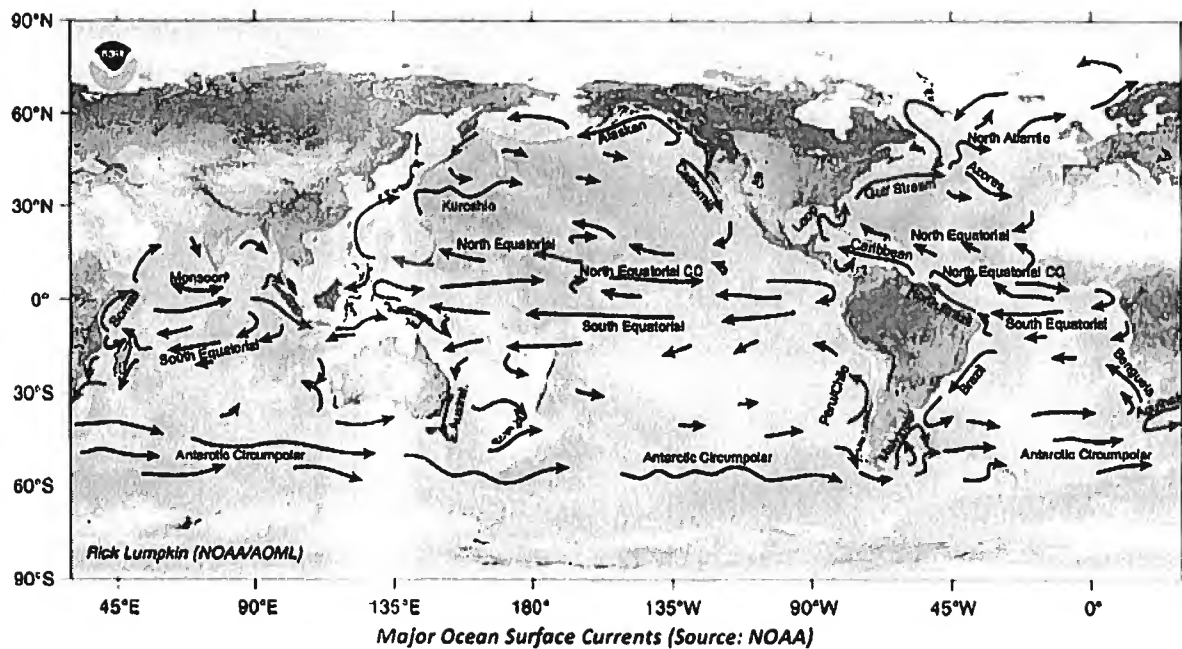
Source: <https://www.boem.gov/Offshore-Wind-Energy/>



Recoverable wave energy resources

- West Coast 250 TWh/year
- East Coast 160 TWh/year
- Gulf of Mexico 60 TWh/year
- Alaska 620 TWh/year
- Hawaii 80 TWh/year
- Puerto Rico 20 TWh/year

Source: <https://www.boem.gov/Ocean-Wave-Energy/>



Source: <https://www.boem.gov/Ocean-Current-Energy/>

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Brent D. Greenfield <bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Monroe,
Angela;craig.fleener@alaska.gov;yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov;jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov;maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov;Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov;Alice Perry;franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov;Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us);Walker, Trey;Ben.Nevers@la.gov;governor.hogan@maryland.gov;marybeth.tung@maryland.gov;greg.williams@maryland.gov
Cc: McGough, John
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

Chairman LePage's staff has asked me to follow up with some additional information regarding tomorrow's meeting.

First, to access the meeting room (Peacock Lounge), proceed through the front door of the hotel's main lobby, up the stairs, and straight ahead down the hall. The Peacock Lounge room, which is marked, will be the last open door on the left.

Also, if you plan to attend the meeting but have not yet RSVP'd, please let us know so that the room is adequately prepared.

Best,
Brent

Brent Greenfield
Consumer Energy Alliance
2211 Norfolk Street
Suite 410
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 337-8821 (Direct)
(866) 273-8998 (Fax)
bgreenfield@ConsumerEnergyAlliance.org

From: Monroe, Angela [mailto:Angela.Monroe@maine.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:34 PM
To: Brent D. Greenfield <bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org>; craig.fleener@alaska.gov; yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov; jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov; maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov; Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov; Alice Perry <Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov>; franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov; Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us) <ntew@gsa.state.al.us>; twalker@governor.sc.gov; Ben.Nevers@la.gov; governor.hogan@maryland.gov; marybeth.tung@maryland.gov; greg.williams@maryland.gov
Cc: McGough, John <John.McGough@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

Attached please find the agenda and some background materials for the Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition meeting Friday morning (7:30 am – 8:30 am on **Friday, Feb. 24 in Washington, DC** in the **Peacock Lounge** of the **Willard InterContinental**, located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (directly across the street from the JW Marriott, where many of the NGA activities will be taking place). Please note, the room will open by 7:00 a.m. and there will be a light continental breakfast available. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to seeing you there Friday morning.

~Angela

Angela Monroe

Governor's Energy Office – Maine
(207) 624-7446

From: Brent D. Greenfield [<mailto:bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:43 AM
To: craig.fleener@alaska.gov; yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov; jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov; maribel.amos@governor.virginia.gov; Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov; Alice Perry; franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov; Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us)
Cc: Monroe, Angela; McGough, John
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

Chairman LePage's office has asked me to relay the following update. First, the meeting is confirmed for **7:30 am – 8:30 am on Friday, Feb. 24** in **Washington, DC** at the **Willard InterContinental**, located at **1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW** (directly across the street from the JW Marriott, where many of the NGA activities will be taking place). The meeting will take place in the hotel's **Peacock Lounge**.

Also, the room rental fee will be \$750 (with possible additional miscellaneous charges), to be paid from the Coalition's account. Please contact Angela Monroe at angela.monroe@maine.gov if you have any questions or concerns. Otherwise, payment processing will soon be initiated.

Additional meeting information including an agenda and background materials will be forthcoming, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best,
Brent

From: Brent D. Greenfield
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:43 AM
To: 'craig.fleener@alaska.gov' <craig.fleener@alaska.gov>; 'yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov' <yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov>; 'jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov' <jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov>; 'maribel.amos@governor.virginia.gov' <maribel.amos@governor.virginia.gov>; 'Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov' <Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov>; 'Alice Perry' <Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov>; 'franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov' <franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov>; 'Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us)' <ntew@gsa.state.al.us>
Cc: 'Monroe, Angela' <Angela.Monroe@maine.gov>; 'john.mcgough@maine.gov' <john.mcgough@maine.gov>
Subject: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

At the request of Angela Monroe, primary contact for Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition Chair Gov. Paul LePage, I am writing to seek information on the availability of your Governor (or their designee, if unavailable) to join Gov. LePage at a meeting of the Coalition in downtown **Washington, DC** on **Friday, Feb. 24** from **7:30 am to 8:30 am**. As with previous Coalition meetings, there will be space for governors' staff to attend as well.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss items including recent federal offshore energy-related actions of interest and potential upcoming developments, as well as 2017 priorities for the Coalition.

Please provide guidance on scheduling availability as soon as possible, and let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Brent

Brent Greenfield
Consumer Energy Alliance
2211 Norfolk Street
Suite 410
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 337-8821 (Direct)
(866) 273-8998 (Fax)
bgreenfield@ConsumerEnergyAlliance.org

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Ramos, Maribel (GOV) <Maribel.Ramos@governor.virginia.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:34 PM
To: 'Brent D. Greenfield'; Monroe, Angela; craig.fleener@alaska.gov; yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov; jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov; Framme, Hayes (GOV); Alice Perry; franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov; Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us); Walker, Trey; Ben.Nevers@la.gov; governor.hogan@maryland.gov; marybeth.tung@maryland.gov; greg.williams@maryland.gov
Cc: McGough, John
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

Thanks, Brent. Unfortunately, Governor McAuliffe will not be able to attend this meeting tomorrow.

I will follow-up with you.

Maribel

Maribel E. Ramos

Director
Virginia Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Governor Terence R. McAuliffe
444 N. Capitol Street, NW Suite 546
Washington D.C. 20001
o. (202) 783-1769 ext. 105
e. maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov



From: Brent D. Greenfield [mailto:bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Monroe, Angela; craig.fleener@alaska.gov; yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov; jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov; Ramos, Maribel (GOV); Framme, Hayes (GOV); Alice Perry; franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov; Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us); twalker@governor.sc.gov; Ben.Nevers@la.gov; governor.hogan@maryland.gov; marybeth.tung@maryland.gov; greg.williams@maryland.gov
Cc: McGough, John
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

Chairman LePage's staff has asked me to follow up with some additional information regarding tomorrow's meeting.

First, to access the meeting room (Peacock Lounge), proceed through the front door of the hotel's main lobby, up the stairs, and straight ahead down the hall. The Peacock Lounge room, which is marked, will be the last open door on the left.

Also, if you plan to attend the meeting but have not yet RSVP'd, please let us know so that the room is adequately prepared.

Best,
Brent

Brent Greenfield
Consumer Energy Alliance
2211 Norfolk Street
Suite 410
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 337-8821 (Direct)
(866) 273-8998 (Fax)
bgreenfield@ConsumerEnergyAlliance.org

From: Monroe, Angela [<mailto:Angela.Monroe@maine.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:34 PM
To: Brent D. Greenfield <bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org>; craig.fleener@alaska.gov;
yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov; jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov; maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov;
Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov; Alice Perry <Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov>;
franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov; Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us) <ntew@gsa.state.al.us>;
twalker@governor.sc.gov; Ben.Nevers@la.gov; governor.hogan@maryland.gov; marybeth.tung@maryland.gov;
greg.williams@maryland.gov
Cc: McGough, John <John.McGough@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

Attached please find the agenda and some background materials for the Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition meeting Friday morning (7:30 am – 8:30 am on Friday, Feb. 24 in Washington, DC in the Peacock Lounge of the Willard InterContinental, located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (directly across the street from the JW Marriott, where many of the NGA activities will be taking place). Please note, the room will open by 7:00 a.m. and there will be a light continental breakfast available. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to seeing you there Friday morning.

~Angela

Angela Monroe
Governor's Energy Office – Maine
(207) 624-7446

From: Brent D. Greenfield [<mailto:bgreenfield@consumerenergyalliance.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:43 AM
To: craig.fleener@alaska.gov; yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov; jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov;
maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov; Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov; Alice Perry;
franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov; Nick Tew (ntew@gsa.state.al.us)
Cc: Monroe, Angela; McGough, John
Subject: RE: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

Chairman LePage's office has asked me to relay the following update. First, the meeting is confirmed for 7:30 am – 8:30 am on Friday, Feb. 24 in Washington, DC at the Willard InterContinental, located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (directly across the street from the JW Marriott, where many of the NGA activities will be taking place). The meeting will take place in the hotel's Peacock Lounge.

Also, the room rental fee will be \$750 (with possible additional miscellaneous charges), to be paid from the Coalition's account. Please contact Angela Monroe at angela.monroe@maine.gov if you have any questions or concerns. Otherwise, payment processing will soon be initiated.

Additional meeting information including an agenda and background materials will be forthcoming, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best,
Brent

From: Brent D. Greenfield

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:43 AM

To: 'craig.fleener@alaska.gov' <craig.fleener@alaska.gov>; 'yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov' <yasamie.august@governor.alabama.gov>; 'jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov' <jerry.strickland@gov.texas.gov>; 'maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov' <maribel.ramos@governor.virginia.gov>; 'Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov' <Hayes.Framme@governor.virginia.gov>; 'Alice Perry' <Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov>; 'franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov' <franklin.johnson@governor.alabama.gov>; 'Nick Tew' (ntew@gsa.state.al.us) <ntew@gsa.state.al.us>

Cc: 'Monroe, Angela' <Angela.Monroe@maine.gov>; 'john.mcgough@maine.gov' <john.mcgough@maine.gov>

Subject: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting

All:

At the request of Angela Monroe, primary contact for Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition Chair Gov. Paul LePage, I am writing to seek information on the availability of your Governor (or their designee, if unavailable) to join Gov. LePage at a meeting of the Coalition in downtown **Washington, DC** on **Friday, Feb. 24** from **7:30 am to 8:30 am**. As with previous Coalition meetings, there will be space for governors' staff to attend as well.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss items including recent federal offshore energy-related actions of interest and potential upcoming developments, as well as 2017 priorities for the Coalition.

Please provide guidance on scheduling availability as soon as possible, and let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Brent

Brent Greenfield
Consumer Energy Alliance
2211 Norfolk Street
Suite 410
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 337-8821 (Direct)
(866) 273-8998 (Fax)
bgreenfield@ConsumerEnergyAlliance.org

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Cam Crawford <CCrawford@scforestry.org>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Brown, Jason
Cc: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Subject: S. 105 and H. 3565
Attachments: Automatic Stay_Senate_Business Coalition Letter 02-14-17.pdf; Automatic Stay_House_Business Coalition Letter 02-14-17.pdf

Jason,

Attached are two Business Roundtable letters signed by the Forestry Association and 14 other business leaders supporting Senate Bill 105 and House Bill 3565. These bills deal with the issuance of automatic stays by the Administrative Law Court.

The Forestry Association has the distinction of being both an industry association representing the wood and paper products industry and a forest conservation organization. We look at issues as business people and conservationists. The reason we are supporting S. 105 and H. 3565 is fundamental fairness. Under current law, a plaintiff can receive an indefinite automatic stay when contesting a permit without offering any evidence that a permit should not be issued for a project. We feel this is unfair and can lead to unnecessary delays with important projects.

Last week, the Senate Judiciary Committee worked out a compromise amendment regarding the procedure to lift an automatic stay when a party is contesting a state agency's issuance of a license/permit to a business, etc. Current law allows a judge to issue an automatic stay for an indefinite period of time while the permit is challenged. The amendment states that after 45 days a party may ask the Administrative Law Judge to lift the automatic stay. A hearing must be held within 30 days. The burden of proof would be on the party challenging the permit when seeking a permanent injunction. Also, a final decision on the merits of the case must be made within one year. S. 105 is on the Senate's contested calendar. Here's a link to the amended version of S. 105: http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/105.htm

H. 3565 is pending on the contested calendar in the House.

The business community is working hard to enact this legislation to level the playing field in contested cases before the Administrative Law Court. We are hopeful that Governor McMaster can support this legislation. Provided the General Assembly passes a reasonable bill, we will be asking Governor McMaster to sign it into law.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Cam Crawford
President & CEO
Forestry Association of South Carolina
4901 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29212
803-798-4170
Representing SC's \$20 Billion Forest Industry



February 14, 2017

Members of the South Carolina Senate
P.O. Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Senator:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to **support Senate Bill 105** – a bill that appropriately balances burdens in contested cases in the Administrative Law Court.

As you are likely aware, current law does not stipulate a timeline for the Administrative Law Court to hold a hearing for the Plaintiff to show cause for injunctive relief to stop a project in contested cases. This leads to unnecessary delays in important infrastructure projects, which impedes economic growth and inhibits job creation. Occasionally this indefinite automatic stay provision, which as currently written does not require a project challenger to make any demonstration or offer any evidence that the project should not be issued a permit, is used or threatened to be used to generate funds for special interest groups.

Once passed, S. 105 would:

- Ensure a level playing field between developers and anti-development interests.
- Protect the environment from projects that could cause irreversible damage.

Once passed, S.105 would NOT:

- Eliminate automatic stay, but merely ensure a hearing to show cause within a reasonable amount of time.
- Infringe on normal legal remedies common to other legal procedures, such as appeals to higher court.

Opponents who object to major development projects will maintain the right to contest such projects. Contrary to some accounts, S. 105 will NOT eliminate an individual or special interest from objecting to a project, but rather will provide the framework to end automatic and unnecessary lengthy and expensive delays in our current system.

We the undersigned believe that S. 105 provides a fair and equitable balance for all development in South Carolina and urge you to support S. 105.

Sincerely,

Lewis F. Gossett
SC Manufacturers Alliance

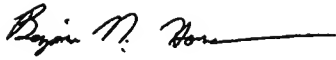
Ted Pitts
SC Chamber of Commerce

Cam Crawford
Forestry Association of SC


Richard S. Kizer
Santee Cooper

Keith Windle
Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission

Kenny Jackson
SCANA



Benjamin Homeyer
National Federation of Independent Businesses



Ronnie Summers
Palmetto Agribusiness Council



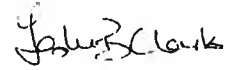
Harry Ott
SC Farm Bureau




Brad Dean
Myrtle Beach Area
Chamber of Commerce



David Holt
Consumer Energy Alliance



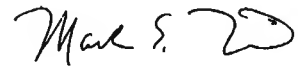
Leslie Clark
Carolinas AGC



Connie Smith
SC Poultry Federation



Rick Todd
SC Trucking Association



Max Nix
Homebuilders Association of SC



February 14, 2017

Members of the South Carolina House
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to **support House Bill 3565** – a bill that appropriately balances burdens in contested cases in the Administrative Law Court.

As you are likely aware, current law does not stipulate a timeline for the Administrative Law Court to hold a hearing for the Plaintiff to show cause for injunctive relief to stop a project in contested cases. This leads to unnecessary delays in important infrastructure projects, which impedes economic growth and inhibits job creation. Occasionally this indefinite automatic stay provision, which as currently written does not require a project challenger to make any demonstration or offer any evidence that the project should not be issued a permit, is used or threatened to be used to generate funds for special interest groups.

Once passed, H.3565 would:

- Ensure a level playing field between developers and anti-development interests.
- Protect the environment from projects that could cause irreversible damage.

Once passed, H.3565 would NOT:

- Eliminate automatic stay, but merely ensure a hearing to show cause within a reasonable amount of time.
- Infringe on normal legal remedies common to other legal procedures, such as appeals to higher court.

Opponents who object to major development projects will maintain the right to contest such projects. Contrary to some accounts, H.3565 will NOT eliminate an individual or special interest from objecting to a project, but rather will provide the framework to end automatic and unnecessary lengthy and expensive delays in our current system.

We the undersigned believe that H.3565 provides a fair and equitable balance for all development in South Carolina and urge you to support H.3565.

Sincerely,

Lewis F. Gossett
SC Manufacturers Alliance

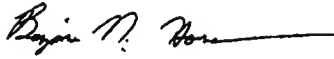
Ted Pitts
SC Chamber of Commerce

Cam Crawford
Forestry Association of SC

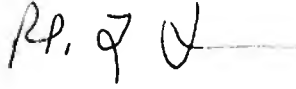
Richard S. Kizer
Santee Cooper

Keith Windle
Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission

Kenny Jackson
SCANA



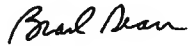
Benjamin Homeyer
National Federation of Independent Businesses



Ronnie Summers
Palmetto Agribusiness Council



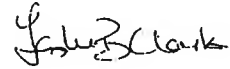
Harry Ott
SC Farm Bureau




Brad Dean
Myrtle Beach Area
Chamber of Commerce



David Holt
Consumer Energy Alliance



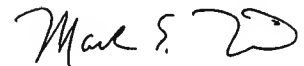
Leslie Clark
Carolinas AGC



Connie Smith
SC Poultry Federation



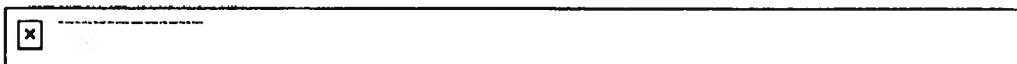
Rick Todd
SC Trucking Association



Mark Nix
Homebuilders Association of SC

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Caitlin Byrd | Palmetto Politics <pc@postandcourier.ccsend.com> on behalf of Caitlin Byrd | Palmetto Politics <cbyrd@postandcourier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 8:31 AM
To: Walker, Trey
Subject: A "parody marriage" bill is the next fight in SC against same-sex marriage



By Caitlin Byrd | cbyrd@postandcourier.com

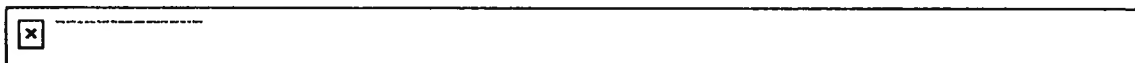
SC bill would make same-sex marriage 'parody marriage'

This is not a joke.

A new bill filed by six GOP lawmakers seeks to define marriage in South Carolina as being exclusively between one man and one woman. Anything else, the bill states, would be considered a "parody marriage."

If the bill passed, same-sex marriages would no longer be recognized in the eyes of the state. It's an interesting development that comes three years after the Supreme Court ruled states must allow and recognize same-sex marriage as equal to marriages between heterosexual couples.

And, it turns out, other states are expected to start pushing similar legislation in the coming weeks.



Balloons spell out the word "love" over the Supreme Court in Washington, Friday June 26, 2015, after the court declared that same-sex couples have a right to marry anywhere in the US. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

The bill: The Marriage and Constitution Restoration Act

The definitions:

- Parody marriage - "any form of marriage that does not involve one man and one woman."
- Marriage - "a union of one man and one woman."

The argument: The bill argues the state is "prohibited from favoring or endorsing religion over non-religion" and that "the State of South Carolina's decision to respect, endorse, and recognize parody marriages and sexual orientation policies has excessively entangled the government with the religion of Secular Humanism."

The movement: The architect behind the bills is Chris Sevier, an attorney who has long pushed a campaign against same-sex marriage. Now based in Columbia, he has unsuccessfully sued states for the right to marry a laptop computer to make a point about

rulings on same-sex marriage. He said he plans to shop the bill's language around to all 50 states. Wyoming introduced their "parody marriage" bill one day before South Carolina.

Read more: [Same-sex marriage would be a 'parody marriage' under new South Carolina bill](#)



Lawmakers call for investigation into bogus emails

South Carolina may soon have an email investigation of its own after a pro-utility email lobbying campaign used people's names and addresses without their knowledge.



State law enforcement officials are being asked to open an investigation into fake emails that were sent to lawmakers. Those emails impersonated South Carolinians and pressured lawmakers to support Dominion's proposed takeover of SCANA. High Flyer©2017/Provided

Statehouse reporter Andrew Brown has the latest:

"The push for an investigation comes less than a day after The Post and Courier revealed a string of cookie-cutter, pro-utility emails that impersonated average South Carolinians. The fake messages appear geared to pressure lawmakers to support Dominion Energy's proposed \$14.6 billion takeover of SCANA Corp.

On Monday, the House Speaker's office said it contacted the Attorney General about the emails. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office, in turn, informed the State Law Enforcement Division about the questionable communications sent through a group called the Consumer Energy Alliance."

Read more: [South Carolina lawmakers getting pro-SCE&G emails impersonating constituents](#) + [S.C. lawmakers call for law enforcement probe of bogus pro-utility emails](#)

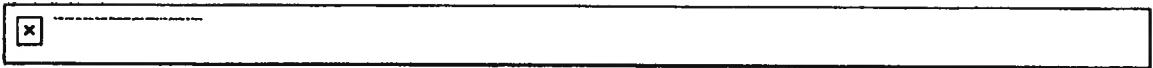
In other news:

- Charleston-area students, parents rally for stricter gun control after Florida school shooting <http://bit.ly/2o9djBd> (P&C)
- LA Mayor Eric Garcetti heads to South Carolina as Democratic presidential race rekindles <http://bit.ly/2HsiEeK> (P&C)
- U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's GOP challenger Katie Arrington launches first TV ad <http://bit.ly/2HqGCHj> (P&C)

Follow Palmetto Politics on Twitter



AND ONE MORE THING: A Lincoln impersonator



Charlie Dieckmann, 79, has portrayed Abraham Lincoln at various events, schools and political rallies.

President's Day was his time to shine as the nation's 16th president.

Watch: [President Lincoln portrayed by Charlie Dieckmann on Isle of Palms](#)

Tell your friends about the newsletter that SC legislators read: forward this to a friend.

Did your smart, politically engaged friend forward you this email? [Subscribe here.](#)

Craving more? [Check out the rest of the Post and Courier newsletters.](#)



The Post and Courier | 134 Columbus Street, Charleston, SC 29403

[Unsubscribe twalker@governor.sc.gov](mailto:twalker@governor.sc.gov)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by cbyrd@postandcourier.com

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Lemoine, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Walker, Trey
Subject: FW: Updated attendee list for today's luncheon

From: Patrick Gleason [mailto:pgleason@atr.org]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 10:07 AM
To: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Rayanne Matlock <rmatlock@atr.org>; Vile, Allison <AVile@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Updated attendee list for today's luncheon

Attendees from the following companies/industries will attend today's luncheon with Gov. McMaster:

Walmart
Disney
Altria
Microsoft
International Franchise Association
Barbour Griffin Rogers
American Petroleum Institute
Citizens Against Government Waste
National Apartment Association
TracFone Wireless Inc.
Charles Koch Institute
General Motors
Pew Charitable Trusts
Internet & Television Association
US Chamber
HBW Resources
Edison Electric Institute
PHRMA
MPAA
Eni Petroleum Co.
Comcast
Marathon Petroleum
Plastic Bag association

Patrick M. Gleason
Director of State Affairs | **Americans for Tax Reform**
722 12th Street NW – Fourth Floor | Washington, DC 20005
W: 202.785.0266 | F: 202.785.0261 | www.atr.org
pgleason@atr.org | www.twitter.com/patrickmgleason

Limehouse, Thomas

From: Lemoine, Leigh
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:44 PM
To: Walker, Trey
Subject: FW: Copy of BizCards-TREYWALKER 7-6-18.xlsx
Attachments: Copy of Copy of Copy of BizCards-TREYWALKER 7-6-18.xlsx

From: Lechner, Catey
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 4:02 PM
To: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Copy of BizCards-TREYWALKER 7-6-18.xlsx

Hi Leigh,

Here is the completed copy of the business cards spreadsheet.

-Catey

From: Lemoine, Leigh
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:22 AM
To: Lechner, Catey <CLEchner@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Copy of BizCards-TREYWALKER 7-6-18.xlsx
Importance: High

From: Walker, Trey
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Copy of BizCards-TREYWALKER 7-6-18.xlsx
Importance: High

Last	Middle	First	Company
Marlowe		Susan	Patriots Point
Livingston	E.	James	Congressional Medal of Honor Society
Pieper	R.	Dirk	SAGE Automotive Interiors
Dallas		Kurt	FAFL Cable & Connectivity Systems
Gullott	L.	Christian	Bridgestone Americans, Inc.
Musselman	P.	Ian	Continental
Blanchard	E.	Kristen	Nutramax Laboratories
McNeely	U.	Johndra	Greenville EyeCare Associates
Michel	G.	Kyle	Kyle Michel Law Firm, LLC
Magallanes		Downey	United States Department of the Interior
Bethune		Brenda	City of Murtle Beach South Carolina
Taylor		Bill	House of Representatives South Carolina
Page		Taylor	Consumer Energy Alliance
Smith		Doug	Johnson, Smith, Hibbard & Wildman Law Firm, L
Walters		Alan	Georgetown County School District
Davenport		Ty	Fairfield Economic Development
Gilchrist	L.	Stephen	The South Carolina African American Chamber o
Dykes		David	Media, Communications Strategies
Gault		Freddie	Congressman Ralph Norman Office
Weathers		Julius	Fairfield Economic Development
Walker		Ali	American Engineering Consultants, Inc.
Schafer		Ed	MPA Strategies
Henderson-Myers		Rosalyn	House of Representatives South Carolina
Gallant		Karl	
Albert	G.	David	The Waverly Group, Inc.
Kester		Steve	Apple
Alagna		Mark	UPS
Jacobs		Bryan	BMW of North America, LLC
Gurley		Gabrielle	The American Prospect
Lucia		Bill	Route Fifty
Baxley, Sr.		J. Michael	Santee Cooper
Stewart		Dave	Queensland Government, Department of the Pr
Graham	Owen	DiAnna	Graham Advisors, LLC
Thomas		Gail	Microsoft
Kotas		James	Darden
Drobik		Jan	Australian Government, Department of Defense
Rohling		Guy	Albers & Company
Phillips		Scott	South Carolina Forestry Commission
Rhodes		Kristin	Microsoft
Donlan		Michael	Microsoft
Herron		Terrance	Microsoft
Johnson		Randal	Southern Strategy Group
Buhler		Roman	The Madison Coalition
Camerlengo		David	Trade & Investment Queensland Australia
Benge		Chris	State of Oklahoma, Office of Governor Mary Fall
Gibbs	G.	Jason	Office of the Governor